ANS Early Correspondence 1864

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Noted Writers: James Pollock, Director of Mint; William W. Murphy, U.S. Consul Gen.; James A. Raihill.

Main Recipients: [Isaac] Francis Augustus Wood; Frank H. Norton; Augustus B. Sage; James Oliver.

Other Correspondents: U.S. Sanitary Commission; A.B. Eaton; Walter Trumbull; Isaac Markens; Charles Tracy; [Governor of New York?]; George M. Laughlin; Robert Clarke & Co.; Henry Champion; Edward H. Coates; [State of Vermont]; Alonzo Clark, M.D.; E.H. Paull; D. Fitzgerald, R.I. Numismatic Society; Robert Clarke; Isaac Hatch; Pliny E. Chase; H.I. Wood; George B. Mason; Dr. Stiles; Samuel Williams; Hammond Trumbull; Hon. Eli Slifer; William B. Hill; Erastus Clark, Dept., NY Secretary of State.

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- Correspondence of Wood and Pollock regarding pattern pieces donated by the U.S. Mint [May]
- Wood and U.S. Consul Gen. Murphy discuss the history of the smallest gold coin [May/July]
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METROPOLITAN FAIR

FOR

The U. S. Sanitary Commission.

Office of the Executive Committee,

842 BROADWAY.

New York, February 12 1864.

To

The American Numismatic Society

Your contribution to this great fair are respectfully invited.

While individuals in all branches of business are offering contributions and thus showing their feeling for the heroic men who suffer from wounds and sickness in the service of the nation, associations of social, friendly & protective character, composed of generous and patriotic citizens

can aid in this noble work.

Donations of any articles which can be sold in this city or of money to meet the incidental expenses of the Fair, and the proceeds of curiosities which may exhibited for profit, will be gratefully received and the names of the donors or lenders properly distinguished in every case.

Your participation in the grand work of ministering to the comfort of those who guard our country and strengthen the cause of civil liberty and popular government throughout the world by having the fruits, labors

and privations of the war,
will be grateful to them and
honorable to yourselves.

Respectfully yours.

Chas. Tracy 8/1817.
Emlen T. Littell

Edward Schenck
Chas F. Winthrop

Sp. Com. on Military Claims

B.

r Remainder of
Correspondence
om 1858 to 1864,
vide pages 68 to 99.

Rec'd 3/21/64. Ans. 3/20/64.

Office of Ass't. Com. General of Subsistence,

New York, March 19. 1864

Francis A. Wood Esqr
68. East 17th St

Sir- Seeing the accompanying notice of the American Numismatic Society, I take the liberty of proposing to you the name of my young friend Midshipman Walter Turnbull of the U. S. Navy, son of Senator Turnbull, as a candidate for membership of the Society- He is now at the Naval School at Newport R. I. He has a good many coins & has picked up a good deal of knowledge in relation thereto

V in the prosperous
has chosen will be
able to be of service to
the peculiar V interests
of knowledge to which your
society devotes itself,
should his interest in it
be continued, which would
be apt to be secured
by a membership.

Very respy X

A. P. Eaton
Col U.S.A.

New York March 19th 1864

Dear Sir

I desire to join some society composed of respectable young men. Will you please inform me what is the object of the American Numismatic Society also the number of members at present belonging also the requisite age on joining it. Please me particulars in regard to object application for membership &c &c.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
Isaac Markell
No 168 East 23d St N.Y.

Mr Francis A. Wood
No 68 East 17th St

Rec'd &c

Communication

Recd 3/21/64.
Ans'd 3/26/64.

Rec'd. Mar. 23/64

METROPOLITAN FAIR

FOR

The U. S. Sanitary Commission.

Office of the Executive Committee,
842 BROADWAY.

New York, March 22, 1864.

Mr F. Augustus Wood, Cor. Sec. etc.
68 & 17th St.

My dear Sir

Your communication of the 13th was duly received, and received immediate attention. The department of the exhibition of curiosities is in charge of a lady, Mrs Gibbs; and it was necessary for me to make known the liberal intentions of your Society and inquire what she would direct in the matter. Your second note came before I had her answer; and after failing to meet her by calling, I have her letter only this evening. The letter indicates a reluctance on her part to become responsible for the safety of things of so much value which are so easily stolen. She suggests that your coins

would be safe in a case of such sort that a crowd could not control it or disturb it, and that the case should be on a shelf in a safe position with a good light. The days she will see how such a plan and such a light can be arranged.

I hope therefore that every thing will work favorably, and the Fair have the benefit of exhibiting some part of your collection, and doing it in a way creditable to your Society; and I shall take pleasure in giving you further notice as the arrangement proceeds.

Allow me to say that the Fair would be unperfect in the eyes of many if it should lack the particular interest which your aid can give it

Respectfully yours

C. Ross Tracy

Sec. Com. on Agriculture

(No 81 E 17)

Gen. copy of application for Seals.

AMERICAN
Numismatic Society,

New York, June 25 1864.

His Excellency,

Governor of

Sir,

In accordance with a recent resolution of the above society, directing the Secretary to commence the collection of National & Corporate Seals, I would respectfully solicit copies of the Great and Privy Seals of the State of

. It being desirable also to have in connection with the impression the

date of adoption, &c.
any information Your
Excellency may feel
inclined to give will
be thankfully received
by the Society.

With sentiments of

I have the honor
to remain, sir;
Very respectfully &c
F. Aug. Hood.
Cor. Sec.

To. His Excellency
N.Y.

Rec'd 3/28/64.
Ans. 3/30/64

Cincinnati March 25. 1864

Dear Sir

Permit me to encroach upon your time by enquiring the address of any dealers in autographs in the City of New York. I would also like to know whether any assortment of European Medals is kept by any dealer in Coins in your City.

Very Respectfully
Yours Truly
Geo. M. Laughlin

Francis A. Wood Esq.
New York.

Rec'd 3/30/64
Answered 4/14/64

New York March 29th 1864

Dear Sir!

Please receive my thanks for your Kindness in replying to my note, as to the object of the "American Numismatic Society" In the first place I am only Seventeen years of age, and secondly I prefer joining a different society — literary or debating &c. &c.

Enclosed you will find a One Dollar Jerome Confederate (Rebel) note which if desirable you are at liberty to add to your numerous collection

Very truly yours

Isaac Hartland.
Care Lieut H. A. Tabatie Navy
New York

To
F. Aug. Tyson Esq.
City

Rec'd 4/4/'64.
Ans. 4/16/'64.

Naval Academy Apr 2nd 64

Dear Sir

A few days since, I received your letter informing me of the honors the American Numismatic Society was willing to confer upon me, by electing me a member of that body.

My collection of coins is comparatively small, comprising only about a thousand specimens, most of which of which are of but little historical value. My information in regard to all but American coins is also very limited. My position here prevents my taking that active interest in Numismatics which I otherwise would

Under these circumstances I do not think it just to the Society for me to become a voting member. It will however give me great pleasure to become a corresponding member, if in that position I can do anything to benefit the Society or to improve myself.

The latter Sum is a Secret to me.

Yours very respectfully
Walter Trumbull

Fernando Wood Esqr.
New York City

Recd 4/19/64.

ROBERT CLARKE. R. D. BARNEY. J. W. DALE.

ROBERT CLARKE & CO.

PUBLISHERS, BOOKSELLERS, STATIONERS AND IMPORTERS,

No. 55 West Fourth Street.

Cincinnati, Apl 6th 1864

Dear Sir

Yours of

N.B. The Catalogue of the Autographs is exhausted or we would make it and send one. If President wish one and time will permit we will have one by March 4th next. Please send it immediately.

By the enclosed circular you will see that the entire Catalogue and price of Engravings will be found in the 2nd of the 3 vols. I will not be able to

ANNOUNCEMENT.

History of the Great Western Sanitary Fair!

COMPILED AND EDITED BY

Rev. C. B. BOYNTON, D. D., and Lieut.-Col. HENRY BOYNTON.

WITH A CLOSING ESSAY

By E. D. MANSFIELD, Esq.

The subscribers would respectfully announce that they have made arrangements with the **Executive Committee of the Great Western Sanitary Fair** to publish a History of that enterprise on their own responsibility, and, they are aware, that in undertaking the work they incur a risk, which, under the circumstances, the Executive Committee did not feel justified in running: but after having carefully examined the material at hand, and in view of the interest that should attach to a true and faithful record of the inception, organization, progress and triumphant success of so grand a movement, for so noble an object, they do not hesitate to incur the risk, and are determined to spare neither pains nor expense to render the work in every way worthy the object it represents, and the confidence and support of the public.

We consider it a matter for congratulation, that we have been able to secure the services of gentlemen so well qualified for the somewhat difficult task of editing and compiling. The simple announcement of their names to those who know their fitness for the task, is a sufficient guarantee that their part will be well and thoroughly done.

The work will consist of **One Royal Octavo Volume** of about five hundred and fifty or six hundred pages, and will contain, aside from an appropriate introduction by Dr. Boynton, the bulk of the Autograph Letters received, many of them possessing high literary merit, and great interest to the general reader: a sketch of the National Sanitary Commission, by the President, Rev. Dr. Billows, of New York: a sketch of the Cincinnati Branch of said Commission, or account of the origin, organization and progress of the Fair: with a narration of various scenes and incidents connected therewith: a description of the buildings, rooms, &c.: an account of the organization and work of each Committee, with their names, and reports of the various Committees: names of lady delegates from the country with their organizations; also, the church and table organizations of both city and country.

Also, a catalogue of the Autograph Letters, Coins, Miscellaneous Curiosities sold, with the **names of purchasers and prices**, a brief account, with comparative results of all the Sanitary Fairs held in the country up to the time of publication of this work; together with a closing Essay, as stated above, by E. D. Mansfield, Esq.

The work is now being stereotyped, and will be issued at an early day. Due notice, however, will be given of the time of publication.

C. F. VENT, & Co., Publishers,

38 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.

Rec'd 4/21/64
Ans. 4/23/64.

New Haven April 21 1864

Dear Sir —

Your two letters in regard to the Catalogue of your Collection were duly received —

I write now to gain a little information in regard to the American Numismatic Society — I made some inquiries a few months since in regard to the New York Numismatic Society, and was surprised at being informed that there was no such organization and in fact no Numismatic Society in the city —

Your letter was the first intimation I have received of its existence latel —

The reason of my inquiries

that the New Haven Num. Soc.
having struck a medal in hon-
-ded to present a copy of the
same to each of several Num.
soc.'s one of which was the New York
If so I suppose, your Society is the
only one that has been in existence
. I shall send you one of the medals,
and if not, shall endeavor to have
one presented at our next meeting
May I trouble you for information
on the point, and also for a copy
if your Const. &c if, existing in the Society
I sent a catalogue as requested by you to the Logan Num Soc.
Very respectfully yours
Henry Chapman
Sec. N. S.

To Aug. Wood Esq.
68 E. 17th St
New York.
Cor Sec. Am. Num Soc.

Rec'd 5/3/'64
Ans. 5/20 & 31/'64.

New Haven April 30 1864

Dear Sir

I have delayed answering your obliging letter on two accounts — one that I have been too busy to meet up the Executive Committee of the New Haven Union, and the other that I hoped to consult upon them in a day or two and ask their advice upon the matter of the medals, but I will not delay any longer for reasons should think I was negligent

I hardly wish to send one without a consultation with the committee, or the Society, and we have a meeting in a few weeks, I think

wait until then.

I would send you a copy of our Constitution &c but they are not printed, if they are I will return this to you to both the Soc. & myself, but must simply return thanks for the same now—

I send a list of officers, viz

President, F. P. Bruner

Vice " Geo Gill—

Secretary N. C—

Treasurer C H Bruce—

Exc. Com. F. P. Bruner, ex-off. N. C & C, Wm Clyde Betts—

With the best wishes

Henry Champion—

Sec. N. Y. Num. Soc

A. Reg. Ward, Esq.

in Soc Am. Num Soc—

[illegible]

Nov 15/64.

Philadelphia
5. 2. 1864

Dr. F. A. Hood,

Dear Sir

Allow me through you to tender to the Society my sincere thanks for their kind favor, which though I fear unmerited is nevertheless not unappreciated. Any opportunity offering, by which I can manifest my gratitude, will at any time be welcomed.

With sincere respect,
Yours Truly,
Edwd H. Bates
1614 Arch St.
Phila

Dr F. Augustus Hood
Cor. Sec. Ann. Trans. Soc.

State of Vermont

Executive Chamber

[illegible] May 9 1764

Dear Sir;-

I am directed by
Gov. Smith to say that he will
in course of a few weeks send
over the Seal of the State &c
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Received May 11, 1764.
Ans. Nov. 9

Recd May 12/64.
Ans. " 13 "

N. York City
May 9. 1864

Dear Sir:

It affords me great pleasure to donate through you to the "American Numismatic Society" the accompanying [illegible]

P.C.

If such [illegible] in addition
al satisfaction to add to
the treasures [illegible] possess,
from time to time [illegible]
any articles that should be
desirable to your body, come
into my possession.

With great
regard I remain,
Very Truly Yours
(Mary C. Vaile)

Frank H. Norton Esq
Assistant Treasurer
Assay Office New York City

Recvd May 12th/64.
Answd. " 13th "

Rec'd May 14th/64.

Newport R. I. May 13th/64

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th enclosing the notice of the Society was duly received yesterday. I had not noticed the paragraph in the paper before, as for the last few days my attention has been principally paid to the great operations now going on in the field.

The gold coin of which you write must indeed be immense, being worth fifteen cents with the premium. The gold quarter dollar is the smallest gold coin I have ever seen, and judging from the size of that I should think this was but little larger than a pin head. I shall be in New York the first week in

June, and if the corn remains unsold, I shall be happy to become a bidder for it

In the meantime

I remain

Very respectfully yours

Walter Trumbull

Do

A. Hug. Wood Esq.

Cor. Sec.

Copy of Reply with
Thanks to
Mr. Sage.

AMERICAN
Numismatic Society,

New York, May 13th 1864.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the thanks of the Society tendered you at the regular meeting last evening, in acknowledgement of your valuable donation of books, etc., received through Mr. Sutton, as well as for the kind intentions therewith manifested.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt through the same channel of copies of the Society's correspondence

during your continuance
in the secretaryship.
Please accept my
thanks for your trouble.
Yours will be placed
on file among the
archives.

Very respectfully
Yours &c.,
T. Aug. Wood,
68 E. Seventeenth St.

Aug. E. Page Esq.
Post Cork.

Copy of Acknowledgmt.
of Patterns from
Gov. Pollock.

AMERICAN
Numismatic Society,

New York, May 18 1864.

Hon. James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

I have this day received the last of medal dies, together with the Pattern pieces of the proposed bronze coinage, all of which I shall have the pleasure to present to the Society in your name at the next regular meeting to be held on the 26th inst. when I can return more official acknowledgment.

Meantime please accept my own thanks for your courtesy to the Society and myself.

With assurances of high regard,

I remain

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Svt.

F. Aug. Mook

6 S, E. 17½ St.

N.Y.

Rec'd June 8/64
H. W. visit thanks
June 21/64

New York City
May 14. 1864

My dear Sir:

Please present the accompanying books, pamphlets &c to the A. N. S., for me, and oblige

Truly Yours
Alex. B. Mayer

P. H. Norton Esq
Pres't A. N. S.
&c &c Library

Copy of letter
of inquiry to
Com. Gen. Murphy

AMERICAN
Numismatic Society,

New York, May 18 1864

Hon. William H. Murphy,
U. S. Consul Gen'l
Frankfort M.
Germany.

Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you in regard to the small gold coin and be yourself in March last to Mrs. Gov. Fish for disposal in aid of the Sanitary Fair in this city. It remained unsold at the close of the Fair in [illegible] pending its sale at auction, which will take place this week - but before the Fair. At a recent meeting

To me of the gentleman
present was all it is
given a decided clue
to its origin nor have
several well known
collectors to whom
it has since been
submitted.

If you could give
me any further in
formation about its
history, beyond the
remarks in the letter
of Mrs. Fish, how it
came into your pos
session, what you
suppose it to be, etc.
I should esteem it
a great favor.

With my best wishes
for your continued
health & prosperity
I have the honor
to be Sir.

Yours very truly
H. Aug. H. L
C. [illegible]

Rec'd 91 May 19/64
Ans. " 20 & 31/64.

New Haven May 17 1864

F. Leg. Num. Soc.

Cor. Sec. Am. Num. Soc. —

Sir I informed you in my last letter, dated the 2d inst., of the existence of two Societys in New York, before the New Haven Num. Soc at their meeting last night, and in view of the circumstances related by you it was deemed best to consider the American Society the one referred to in our vote of last June. In accordance with that vote I accordingly send one of our medals as an addition to the Cabinet of the American Numismatic Society, directed

I am, in the same mail with this letter.

I am sorry it has been so long in reaching its destination —

Truly yours
Henry Champion
Sec. New Haven
Hum. Soc —

P. S. I send also a copy of the College Catalogue for your own use — I intended to do so when I sent the other, but believe it escaped my mind —

Yours truly
H. C.

Copy of Application
for Haxen Prize Medal

AMERICAN
Numismatic Society,

New York, May 20 1864

Prof. Clark,
Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you to inquire if it is possible to obtain a copy of the Haxen Prize Medal for the Collections of the Society.

With great respect
I am, Sir,
Yours very truly
W. Elmy Wood
Cor. Sec. A.N.S.
68, E. 17th St.

Always Clark M.D.
Prof. of Pathology &c.
Coll. Phys. & Surg.

Copy of letter to Champlin ack. receipt of New Haven Medal.

AMERICAN
Numismatic Society,

New York, May 20 1864

Henry Champlin Esq
Sec. N. H. N.S.

Dear Sir,

I write in great haste simply to say that your communication of the 18th inst. was received yesterday, together with the box containing the medal of your Society, all of which will be presented at the next regular meeting of this society when I shall doubtless have the pleasure of more fully acknowledging it.

Please accept my own

thanks for your kindness
& courtesy in favoring me
with the copy of the Yale
Catalogue which was
received at the same
time.

Hoping I may find some
means of reciprocating
at an early day,

I remain
Very truly yours
F. Ang. Ward
C. S. A.N.S.

68 E. Seventeenth St.
N.Y.

Copy of thanks to Director J. Pollock
for proof patterns.

New York May 28th 64.

Hon James Pollock
Director, U.S. Mint

Dear Sir,

Your donation of the proof patterns of the proposed bronze coinage, together with the circular list of the mint medals received on the 23d inst, were duly presented at the regular meeting of the Num. Soc. on the 26th and I have the pleasure of transmitting to you the thanks of the Society for your courtesy and the valuable addition to their Cabinet.

I am further requested on behalf of several members to inquire if eight or ten sets can be obtained for private cabinets - at at what price

I inclose twenty-five cents in coin for

which I request you will forward, for myself, the "Bright head Washington and Jackson", silver medal.)

Be kind enough also to inform me if the Mint allows for the premium on gold or silver coin when sent in payment for specimens.

With sentiments of great esteem

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours very truly

T. Eng. Wood,

C. S. U. N.

68 E. 4 Street

N. Y.

Recd May 31st 1864.
Ans. Jun 3d 64

Mint of the United States.

May 31st 1864.

Sir,

Yours of the 28th is at hand and now lodging the receipt of the pattern pieces presented by the American Num. Soc.

I regret that I am unable to furnish any more sets for private parties as a limited number were only struck —

We have no such medal as one bearing the "single head Washington + Jackson". We have the "double head" W + J. + single heads of each, but none of that name you request.

We do not allow for the fineness when gold or silver is sent.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Dr. Linderman

Director

To F. Cog. Wood, Esq

N. Y.

P. S. I hold the 25 cts. until you can hear from —

Copy of thanks to N. H. H. S. for medal.

New York May 21 1844.

Henry Champion, Esq.
Sec. of New Haven Hort. Soc.
Dear Sir,

At the regular meeting of this Society held Thursday evening, May 16th, your communication of the 13th inst., accompanying the organization medal struck and donated by the New Haven Hort. Soc., was read, and the medal accepted with a resolution of thanks to the New Haven Soc. for their very valuable contribution to our cabinet, and the hope expressed that it may be regarded as evidence of harmonious feeling between the two societies in furtherance of the mutual objects for which they are organized.

Respectfully

this body, may be able to vindicate the action of your own in, more tangible form at no distant day, and with the kind best wishes to yourself & the society you represent,

Yours, Sir,
Very truly your
T. Aug. Wood,
C. S. U. N. S.

68 E. 17th St.
N.Y.

P.S. Please also inform M. C. N. Seitz on my behalf the thanks of the society for priced copy of his addenda to the late sale.

Rec. June 18.

Chicago June 1 1881

Dear Jos

I have in my possession a coin which I think is very rare and have not seen any description of them neither have I reason any one who has seen one or can tell me anything about it The reason of my writing to you is if you would like to purchase it for your Society or if you can tell me the value of it I will send it to you.

It is a coin but [illegible] into a medal that it is. It has a [illegible] at the top just just a ribbon through it and a slight twist at the bottom on one side is [illegible] to represent eagle in the centre. on the edge in the words August Matthias D:G: Roman imper semp on the obverse the shield and below 16 date 1.61.7. on the edge Nuremburg Inventa. Argentea Respub it is about the size of a dollar of silver and in a splendid state of preservation Please let me know what it is worth as soon as you can

Yours Truly R. H. Lane

State of Rhode Island, &c.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Providence, June 11 1864

Lieut.

Could you be kind enough to inform our Society as to what disposition is made of the duplicates belonging to the American Numismatic Society

Very Respectfully

D. Fitz Gerald
Secy of R. I. Num. Association
Prov.

Rec'd June 14/64.
Ans. " 21 & 26 - 64

Copy of letter to
Mr. E. A. Faull -
Chicago.

Copy of 1st reply to Sec. of R. I. Ass.

New York,
June 21/64.

Dear Sir,

Pardon the delay in answering yours of 11th inst. Out of town when it arrived, I addressed a note on my return to the Curator asking the proper information. Having as yet received no answer, I make this temporary reply, & will communicate further when I am informed. The duplicates are, I believe, exchanged with other societies or individuals desiring to open such negotiation under

diction of the Curator, by and with the advice and consent of the Society.

Whether the Society has at present any reserve and if so how much I cannot say till I have seen Mr. Goff.

I send for your perusal a copy of the old Constitution I will forward the new when printed.

Please reciprocate.

Very Respectfully
F. Aug. Hoyt,
C. S. A. M. S.

D. Fitz-Gerald, Esq.
Sec. R. I. Hort. Soc.
Providence
R. I.

Copy of 2d reply to
Lec. of R. I. Ass.

New York,
June 26 - 1864.

D. Fitz-Gerald, Esq.
Sec. R. I. Hum. Soc.
Sir,

Agreably to the promise in my note of the 21st inst I refered the matter of your note to Mr. Grosh at the last meeting.

The tenor of his reply was the same in regard to disposal of duplicates as I expressed in my own opinion in the aforesaid note. Individual members of this society however are considered to have the first choice in the matter of exchange

and Mr. Groh informs me that at present he thinks the supply of duplicates, not more than sufficient for such requisitions.

I shall be happy to furnish you at any time such further information as you may request.

Very Respectfully
J. P. Ang. Wood
C.S., U.S.N.

CONSULATE GENERAL
OF THE
United States of America.

Frankfort a/M. July 19/64

J. G. Wood
Lect. on Physiognomical Soc.
Dear Sir

In answer to yours regarding the small gold coin which I sent as a present to the United States, Santiago Iran - which you desire a history of I will state that it is the smallest gold coin ever used & was issued by the Free city of Nürnburgh - It is only 1/16 of a Ducat - The history of the Coinage of these are as follows In the year 1314. - Gold Ducat. Half Ducat. Quarter & eighth were coined when the city was a Free & Imperial city of the Empire - They were in circulation after coming about half a century & up to about the year 1460. - During the early period of the city coinage The Free Knights of the Empire ("die Reichsfrein Ritter") of the neighbourhood furnished the gold

& the city of Nuremburgh issued the Coins) designated the amount in the Stamp thereon & regulated the value & standard of the Coin. Much of the merit was found out in the Knighthood of these Knights (Six hundred years later at the time of the Federal Union) when the city issued the present Ducat piece (1/8 of a Ducat). These small coins were afterwards issued as several other occasions, such as the visit of the Queen Empress to the city of Nuremburgh. The Confederation of one of the sitting of the Federal Diet of the Empire. — These coins being so small were easily lost on account of their smallness. Many were melted down & made into large ones & they are very scarce. The large sized Ducats are more common & not so valuable as these small ones. I have an 1/8 Ducat which I think only cost seven florins (about $3.00) — I believe it was a custom in other of the ancient free cities of the Roman Empire to issue similar coins in commemoration of [illegible]

curious coins, such as commemorating
Coronation & Death of the Emperors. I have such
a Coin (Gold) issued by the Free city
of Frankfort & coined in the year
1439 in honor of the Coronation of the
Emperor Frederick. I have also a Silver
Coin of Archduke Maximillian issued in
the year 1500. This city continues to issue
these festive coins. Among these are the
Schützenfest Thalers issued in honor of
the great National Shooting Exhibition held
here for a month in 1862. There is also
another Silver Thaler issued very lately
in honor of the great Congress of
Kings held in this city in Aug 1863
There is also another coin (New) already
going out of use called by some the
Rothschild Love Coin & having the likeness
of Mademoiselle Fanny Farnanschuck
an actress on one side of the coin. I presume
you may be familiar with the history of
its issue & so I will not give it. If Gen
Society has not got these to exhibit coins will
be glad to forward them. I have sent specimens of
these to Prof E Emmett of Albany a great
Collector of Coins. where they can be seen. As I have
had so many enquiries about these gold coins. if you could
publish this letter in the publications it would save me many letters
Yours truly
William H Strobridge Cor Sec

(Copy of reply.)

Am. Num. & Arch. Society,
New York, Nov. 14-18

Hon. W.m H. Murphy,
Cons. Gen.l for the United States
Frankfort s/ Main.

Dear Sir,

Owe you many apologies
for so long delaying to acknowledge
your kind reply of July 19th, received
thro' the State Department at Washington,
giving details & most interesting history
of the small gold coin of Nuremberg,
presented by you to the Sanitary Fair, and
which is now in my collection.

The fact that your letter arrived during
the summer vacation of the Society,
forms part of my excuse, to which
I can add that during absence
on a protracted tour thro' the West &
elsewhere, an unfortunate misun-
derstanding prevented its receiving
due attention at the hands of others,
and it was only brought forward
at a recent meeting.

The coin may well suppose, however,
is proved very interesting to the members

and the Society feel under obligations to you for setting the origin of this curious coin at rest, by so succinct a history.

Your desire that the substance of the letter be published, I shall still gladly endeavor to fulfil, by copying in brief, for the papers in a day or so: and if printed will forward you a copy.

The notices of other coins festive & commemorative were of no little interest. Until very lately the mania among the numismatic public in this country has been confined to American specimens, and this has degenerated in many cases, into enormous fictitious values for pieces of little or no consequence, to the derision and reproach of the foreign departments of this important adjunct of history.

I better day, seems dawning upon
us from the indications of late
date, & I judge that hereafter
our Scientific Foreign & Domestic
will receive new encouragings
& appreciation.

Upon inquiry of our Curator,
Mr. Groh, I find that some
of the Specimens of which
you speak in your letter, are
in the Cabinet of the Society,
and your obliging offer to
donate a few of them, is very
acceptable to the Society, and
will, if carried out, place us under
renewed obligations.

Any future communications
upon these or kindred subjects, that
you may find it convenient to favor
us with, will be very welcome.

I take the liberty of forwarding
upon a copy of our Constitution & By-
Laws.

With Sentiments of esteem,

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours Very Respectfully

F. Augustus Wood,

Cn. Sec. U. N. & U. S.

(Copy).

Am. Num. & Arch. Soc.
New York, Oct. 25/64

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of thanking you on behalf of this society for your donation to the library of the priced catalogue of the Sanitary Fair auction-sale, presented at the late regular meeting, as also for the repeated trouble you have been at in regard to the same. Please excuse the delay in acknowledging ~~the receipt~~ owing to my protracted absence from the city, & believe me,

Very truly yours,
F. Leby. [illegible]
C. S.

To
Robert Clarke Esq.
Cincinnati. O.

Am. Numismatic &
Archæological Soc.
New York, Oct. 25–64

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting you the thanks of this Society for your valuable donation of books & pamphlets relating to the statistical and political history of this country, presented at the late regular meeting.

Yours very truly
F. Aug. Wood,
Cor. Sec.

To
Isaac S. Hatch, Esq,
Fourth Avenue,
City

Am. Numismatic
and Archaeological
Soc.
New York Oct 25/64

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure
of thanking you on behalf
of this society, for the copy
of "Catalogue of Tokens of
1861," presented by you at
the late regular meeting.
Pardon the delay in ack-
nowledgment, caused by
a lengthened absence from
the city.

Yours very truly
F. Aug. Wood,
Cor. Sec.

To
Henry C. Chase, Esq.
Present.

American
and Archæological
Numismatic Society,

New York, Oct. 25th 64

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to transmit you the thanks of this society for the valuable and important donation of volumes on early history of this continent, together with the series of early coast-charts, presented by you at the late regular meeting.

Yours very truly
F. Aug. Wood
Cor. Sec.

To
Wm. H. S. Wood, Esq.
61 Walker St.
City

(Copy.) (Sec. Treas. of Christ. Com.

New York, Oct 28 - 64

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to transmit you the thanks of this society - in acknowledgment of your generous and valuable donations of rare books, pamphlets, & newspapers, medals & coins presented thro' Mr. Cook at the regular meeting last evening.

Such evidences of interest in the Society's welfare are very gratifying.

Yours very truly,

E. P. Wood,

C. S.

Jr.,

Geo. B. Mason, Esq.,

Brooklyn,

(Copy)

AMERICAN
and Archæological
Numismatic Society,

New York, Oct. 28th 1864.

Dear Sir,

In behalf of this Society please accept my thanks for your donation to the library, viz. Your 5th Annual Report of L. I. Hist. Soc. & Cert. of Incorporation of same, presented at the late regular meeting. Pardon the brief delay in acknowledging the same, caused by the pressure of the Society and my own prolonged absence from the city.

Very respectfully yours
T. A. Wood
C. S.

Dr. Stiles
Lib. of L. I. H. S.

(Copy.)

Am. Num. & Archael. Soc.
New York Nov. 9/64

Samuel Williams, Esq
Sec. of Civil & Mil. Affs. (Vermont)
Sir

Your note of May 9th in answer to my application for copies of the Great & Privy Seals of the State was duly received.

The seals however having failed to arrive, I infer that Her Excellency the Governor has not signed it amid the immediate pressure of more important duties.

As it is desirable to complete our set if possible within the present year, I take the liberty of renewing the request for copies of said seals with such memoranda of their history & adoption as it may be convenient to give.

Very Respectfully yours
F. Aug. Wood, C.S.

(Copy.)

AMERICAN
and Archæological
Numismatic Society,

New York, Nov. 9 1864

Hon. J. Hammond Trumbull
Sec. of State, of Connecticut

Sir

In the early part of last Spring I made application to His Excellency Gov. Buckingham for copies of the Seal, Privy Seals of State, together with some memoranda of their history and of adoption, the same to be placed among the collections of this society. His reply of Apr. 7th stated that he referred the matter to you as having the seals in charge.

Not having heard from either yourself or Gov. Buckingham, since I infer that it has been overlooked thro' the pressure of more immediate duties; and it being desirable to complete our set at the earliest date possible, I take the liberty of repeating my

request on behalf of their

(Copy.)

Am. Print. & Stock Co.
New York, Nov. 9/64

Hon. Eli Slifer,
Secretary of State, Pennsylvania

Sir,

Some time last Spring I made application on behalf of this society for copies of the Great Seal of State with suitable memoranda of their history & adoption, the same to be placed on file among the collections of this Society. Not having heard from you in the matter, I infer that the letter miscarried; and as it is desirable to complete our set as early as practicable, I respectfully repeat the request as given in substance above.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours with great esteem
F. Aug. Wood,
C.S.

(Circular)

Am. Union of Mech. Inv.
New York Nov. 10. 64.

Hon. William S. Hill,
Secretary of State for Maryland
Sir:

In the early part of last
Spring, I made application for copies
of the Great Seal & Privy Seals of State and
received memoranda of their
Size, & adoption the same to be placed
on file among the archives of this
society, agreeably to a resolution of
last March, requiring the Secretary
to take measures to complete our
set of National & Corporate Seals.

Having as yet received any
response, I infer the letter has
miscarried, and as it is desirable
to give the resolution practical effect
at an early date, I take the liberty
of repeating the request as given
in substance above.

Yours with great respect
F. Hayden Pres. A.U.

Office of the

SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE

State of New York.

Albany, Dec 7th 1864

Jacob Norcross
Esq

Sir

We cannot find in this office any record of any application being the name of "Jew Yuk Archambeau" being a American Archambeau being - or bearing An Similar Name"

Yours &c
Thos. Clark
Dep. Secretary of State.

of ... coinage cuts from 1796 to 1865, minus the
99, 1804, 1811, 1815. Two of last century - faces very
high
Liberty obliterated, - cap on pole crossing shoulder,
very above it. - head. Reverse - One Cent surrounded
with tied at the bottom - around which is United
States of America. In the centre, with the ... spread in
the ... a Dollar. Die is made of, what seems, nine
the thin seems to be alloyed with brass, and is thin
d is ... ner than the first, which is very thick
... than the other, and ... holding
... up, the ...
be ... -side-down; but the other held in the
... will be right.

... same style ... above ... scribed coin
seems to ... been no letters on the edge.
is also thinner

... condition - new ... y reeds, without cap and
... seems to be the same.

... condition - same ... ble
same
... d do
... condition do
same do
... do
... do
Same do

1805 Splendid condition — copy of [illegible]

[illegible] L, 13 [illegible]

encircled [illegible] - 11 - [illegible]

1809 Same — same style

1810 Extra very good do

1812 Extra " do

1813 Quite " do

1814 Extra " do

1816 Good variation — [illegible] head, [illegible]ing Ed[illegible], Tibe[illegible] and this head - [illegible] [illegible]

the head [illegible] same style [illegible] above

1817 - 3- [illegible] two same style as others - one has [illegible] flaw in [illegible], connecting fig[illegible] 1 and 7 at the top - [illegible] same style as 1814

1818 [illegible] Good same style

1819 Not very good do

1820 [illegible] [illegible] do

1821 [illegible] do

1822 Good variation do

1823 [illegible] do

1824 Extra do

American Cents Coinage

1825	Extra	same style
1826	Same	do
1827	Same	do
1828	Same	do
1829	Same	do
1830	Very good	do
1831	Same	do
1832	Same	do
1833	Same	do
1834	Extra good	do
1835	Good	do
1836	Same	do
1837	Extra good	— do —
1838	Very good	do
1839	Same	do
1840 – 2 –	Same	new style head, facing left, Liberty on behind armine head – 13 stars – and the figures of the date is much smaller on one than the other – Reverse same style as others with exception on limb under One Cent; and United States of America of much smaller letters than the others.
1841	Good	same style – small figures
1842	Same	do – larger do
1843	Extra	do
1844	Very good	do

American

1808 Splendid American Cents Proof

1816 Very good same style

1816 Same do

1829 Extra do

1828 Very good do

1849 Same do

1850 and 1862 with all between are in Extra good cond

American Half Cents

1806 Extra good same style as cent of same date

Reverse - Half Cent same style as cent

United States of America 1/200

1804 Very good. same style

1805 Same do

1809 Extra good same style as Cent of same date

Reverse same as other minus 1/200

1828 Same same style as 1809

1829 Same do

1835 Same do

I have also quite a variety of coins (American & an S

Canadian, Chinese, French, English, German Russian &c)

the oldest of which is dated 1465 (which is) in a most excellent cond

-ition - copper - upon one side is a Crowned King and sceptre

and on the other seems to be an altar - a complete description

of which I will send if desired - How much will you

give for them? Please answer immediately and oblige

James H. Rockwell

Resumption of

Correspondence

of

1864.

NB.

For 1st part vide pages, 26. 68.